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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 136

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Chávez, Chesbro, Conway, Cooley, Dababneh, Daly, Dickinson,
Donnelly, Fong, Fox, Frazier, Beth Gaines, Garcia, Gatto, Gomez,
Gonzalez, Gordon, Gorell, Grove, Hagman, Harkey,
Roger Hernández, Holden, Jones-Sawyer, Levine, Linder, Logue,
Lowenthal, Maienschein, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Muratsuchi,
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Stone, Wagner, Waldron, Weber, Wieckowski, Wilk, Williams, and
Yamada)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136—Relative to National Strawberry Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 136, as amended, Eggman. National Strawberry Month.

This measure, in celebration of National Strawberry Month, would recognize the contributions of California strawberry farmers and the California Strawberry Commission in supporting a quintessential California crop that sustains families, communities, the environment, the California economy, and the opportunity for immigrants to pursue the American Dream.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, May is National Strawberry Month; and

2 WHEREAS, California grows more strawberries than any other
3 place in the world, including all 49 other states combined, and
4 more organic strawberries than all 49 other states combined; and

5 WHEREAS, California strawberry farmers grow nearly 90
6 percent of all strawberries produced in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, California's 400 family farmers and 60 shippers
8 and processors of strawberries are responsible for contributing
9 \$2.3 billion to the economy and generating thousands of jobs
10 ranging from researchers and harvesters to exporters and grocers;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, California strawberry farmers represent the diverse
13 cultures found in the Golden State; and

14 WHEREAS, Many California strawberry farm owners started
15 out as field workers— a testament to an industry that presents
16 opportunity for workers to own their own businesses and fulfill
17 the American dream; and

18 WHEREAS, California's strawberry farmers are leading the
19 world in environmental research dedicated to improving and
20 promoting sustainable farming practices; and

21 WHEREAS, Thanks to California strawberry farmers, some
22 40,000 acres of land along the Central Coast are protected and
23 preserved; and

24 WHEREAS, Strawberry farmers, shippers, and processors are
25 represented by the California Strawberry Commission, a state
26 government entity that promotes strawberries as an important part
27 of healthy nutrition and lifestyles; and

28 WHEREAS, In 1994, the California Strawberry Commission
29 formed the California Strawberry Scholarship Program which has
30 given over \$1.5 million to farmers' children bound for college or
31 trade schools; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in celebration of National
34 Strawberry Month, recognizes the contributions of California
35 strawberry farmers and the California Strawberry Commission in
36 supporting a quintessential California crop that sustains families,
37 communities, the environment, the California economy, and the
38 opportunity for immigrants to pursue the American Dream; and
39 be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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